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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES: TRANSFER OF BIOT ISLANDS

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1. IN WHAT MAY BE THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SECOND THOUGHTS ON US/UK CONDITIONS IN TRANSFERRING BIOT ISLANDS TO SEYCHELLES SOVEREIGNTY, MANCHAM AND RENE TOLD BRITISH DELEGATION AT MARLBOROUGH HOUSE JANUARY 22 THEY WOULD PREFER TO HAVE SEPARATE AGREEMENTS ON TWO OF OUR FOUR CONDITIONS. THEY BELIEVE THE QUESTIONS OF US/UK ACCESS TO THE ISLANDS "IN CASE OF EMERGENCY" AND THE DENIAL OF THE USE OF THOSE ISLANDS BY "HOSTILE POWERS" COULD AND SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE TRANSFER ACCORD. THE QUESTIONS OF THE TRACKING STATION AND MAHE CIVIL AIRPORT, HOWEVER, ARE NOT RELATED TO THE SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE ITSELF BUT RATHER HAVE BEEN ATTACHED TO OUR PROPOSALS AS QUID PRO QUO. WHILE THE SEYCHELLES LEADERS CONTINUE TO AGREE TO THESE CONDITIONS IN PRINCIPLE, THEY WANT THE ACCORDS EMBODIED IN SOME OTHER FORM OF UNDERSTANDING NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE RETURN OF THE ISLANDS. THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRACKING STATION PRESUMABLY WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN A SEPARATE US-SEYCHELLES AGREEMENT. SIMILARLY, MANCHAM AND

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RENE WISH TO FIND SOME OTHER VEHICLE TO EXPRESS CONDITIONS

FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE CIVIL AIRPORT BY US/UK MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

2. IN EXPLAINING THE SEYCHELLES POSITION, RENE SAID HE BELIEVED A TRANSFER AGREEMENT INCLUDING THE ESSENTIALLY EXTRANEIOUS CONDITIONS OF THE TRACKING STATION AND AIRPORT WOULD BE AN IDEAL TARGET FOR OAU CRITICISM, E.G. A SEYCHELLES SELL-OUT TO WESTERN IMPERIALIST AMBITIONS. THE BRITISH BELIEVE RENE'S PROPOSTION MAKES SENSE.

3. FCO TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO CALL TRIPARTITE MEETING FOR LATE FEBRUARY.

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